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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/21/2005.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Prelim. Amdt/Amendment

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Preliminary Amendment filed 09/21/2005.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the use of the legal phraseology, "said", line 7, is not permitted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-8 and 10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Re claim 1, line 6: Substitute "antenna." with -- antenna, --.

Re claim 1, line 10: Substitute "the imprint" with -- an imprint --.

Re claim 1, line 11: Substitute "it" with -- said antenna --.

Re claim 2, line 2: Delete "type" because the addition of the word "**type**" to an otherwise definite expression extends the scope of the expression so as to render it indefinite.

Re claim 4, line 3: Delete "type" because the addition of the word "**type**" to an otherwise definite expression extends the scope of the expression so as to render it indefinite.

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Re claim 7, line 11: Substitute "the imprint" with -- an imprint --.

Re claim 8, line 2: Delete "type" because the addition of the word "**type**" to an otherwise definite expression extends the scope of the expression so as to render it indefinite.

Re claim 10, line 3: Delete "type" because the addition of the word "**type**" to an otherwise definite expression extends the scope of the expression so as to render it indefinite.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kayanakis (US 20010002035 A1).

Re claims 1-10: Kayanakis discloses a method for manufacturing an antenna of a hybrid contact-contactless or contactless smart card that includes a support on which the antenna is made, two card bodies on each side of the support, each of the card bodies consisting of at least one thermoplastic layer, and a chip or a

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module connected to the antenna, comprising the steps of depositing a layer of a material consisting essentially of resin on a predetermined zone on the antenna support, the zone corresponding to an imprint of the antenna or being slightly larger to the antenna, manufacturing the antenna including screen printing turns and two connection pads of electrically conductive ink on the zone prepared beforehand on the support and subjecting the support to a heat treatment in order to bake the ink; wherein the material layer is an offset ink; wherein the two card bodies are laminated on each side of the support in two steps, the first lamination step comprising welding on each side of the antenna support two homogenous thermoplastic sheets by hot press moulding at a temperature sufficient for the material that makes up the sheets to soften and to flow completely so as to eliminate all differences in thickness of the support, and a second lamination step performed after a duration corresponding to the time required for the thermoplastic sheets to solidify, the second step comprising welding on the antenna support of constant thickness obtained after first lamination step two layers of plastic material, consistuting the body of the card by hot press moulding; wherein the antenna comprising at least one turn of electrically conductive ink screen printed on the antenna support, two card bodies on each side of the support, each of the card bodies comprising at least one layer of

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plastic material, and a chip or module connected to the antenna; wherein the antenna comprising turns and two connection pads of conductive ink is screen printed on a zone of the antenna support, the zone corresponding to an imprint of the antenna or being slightly larger than the latter and on which a material consisting essentially of resin has been deposited (figs. 1-6; paragraphs [0026-0037]).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The patents to Halope (US 20060176181 A1); Boyadjian et al (US 6575374 B1); Kudo et al (US 6848622 B2); Morizumi et al (US 6459588 B1); Kayanakis (US 6390375 B1); Mande (US 6173898 B1); Kayanakis (US 6786419 B2); Fidalgo (US 5598032 A) are cited as of interest and illustrate a similar structure to a METHOD FOR MAKING A SMART CARD ANTENNA ON A THERMOPLASTIC SUPPORT AND RESULTING SMARTCARD.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uyen-Chau N. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-2397. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00AM-3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be

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reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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